

IN RECOGNITION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S (TAIWAN) 103RD NATIONAL DAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Taiwan's 103rd National Day on October 10, 2014. This event marks the anniversary of the 1911 uprising that led to the establishment of the Republic of China.

As my colleagues know, the U.S.-Taiwan relationship is a warm one, cemented by our shared commitments to democracy and free enterprise. This stands in contrast to Taiwan's unique political status in the international community, which too often leaves it shut out of the world's deliberations. All across the globe today, we see new and emerging threats of rare complexity, the solutions to which would benefit greatly from Taiwan's participation at the negotiating table.

I ask that my colleagues join me in redoubling our efforts to secure meaningful participation, wherever possible, for Taiwan in the work of international and multilateral organizations. As we work toward that end, I once again join my colleagues in wishing our Taiwanese friends all the best as they commemorate this momentous day.

RECOGNIZING DR. AHMED MAZAHERI

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to proudly acknowledge the many accomplishments of Ahmed Mazaheri, M.D. and his contributions to the local and global community. He recently was recognized by Rotary Club International and the Rotary Club of Doylestown with its "50 Years of Service Award." Dr. Mazaheri retired from medical practice in 1994 and, with his generous spirit, devoted his time to community and international service, particularly through the Rotary Club of Doylestown and service on various county health and educational associations. Dr. Mazaheri, a native of Iran, left his country at age 18 to study medicine at the University of Bonn and the University of London and later, medical residencies at Georgetown University and Pennsylvania Hospital. Prior to 1961, he was a medical liaison for the U.S. Army in Germany. We sincerely congratulate him for selfless dedication and devotion to the health and well-being of the greater community and grateful that he has reached out to so many others. In so doing, Dr. Mazaheri has set an outstanding example for others to follow.

CELEBRATING VIVIAN L. WOOD

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the extraordinary service of Williamson County Treasurer Vivian L. Wood as she begins the next exciting chapter of her life. Recognizing the importance of allowing a new generation of leaders a chance to make a positive impact, Vivian is stepping down from her two decades of dedication to making Williamson County a great place to live and work.

Under Vivian's stewardship, Williamson County has enjoyed tremendous population and job growth while the rest of the nation was still recovering from recent economic challenges. As the fastest growing county in the USA from 2010 through 2012, Williamson County is home to Dell Computers, cutting edge medical centers, and thriving small businesses. Vivian's forward-thinking financial management has been critical to the county's continuing success.

Widely admired and respected for her leadership, Vivian has been a treasurer both her colleagues and constituents could rely upon. Her commitment to public service doesn't end when she leaves the office. Vivian has served in all offices of the County Treasurers Association of Texas since 1996 and has received numerous awards for her dedication to excellence.

Vivian's extraordinary commitment to service reflects the best values of Central Texas. She's positively impacted the lives of thousands and there's no doubt that Williamson County is a better place because of her.

Retirement is to be celebrated and enjoyed. It is not the end of a career, but rather the beginning of a new adventure. I commend Vivian Wood for her selfless service to her beloved community and wish her only the best in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING SAVE MART SUPERMARKETS

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Save Mart Supermarkets, who will be inducted as a member of the Stanislaus County Ag Hall of Fame's "Legends in Agriculture" during a ceremony in Modesto, California, on November 13, 2014.

Save Mart Supermarkets, a California corporation, owns and operates 221 stores in Northern and Central California and Northern Nevada under the Save Mart, S-Mart Foods, Lucky, and FoodMaxx banners. A privately-owned retail food company, it is sustained by a familial corporate culture. The company has always believed in supporting local suppliers and producers, and is actively engaged with the charities and causes of the communities where its stores do business.

Their long history began when the first Save Mart opened in Modesto, California on January 17, 1952. Over the next four decades,

many changes took place. Long known for innovation, Save Mart was one of the first supermarkets to offer customers pre-packaged meats, yard and garden supplies, plants, fresh-cut flowers and gift items, all creative concepts for the 1950s, and relatively unheard of for the area until Save Mart introduced them. In 1984, major growth occurred for Save Mart Supermarkets with the opening of eight new stores and a new partnership established to produce Sunnyside Farms dairy products. The company expanded throughout the 1980s including the acquisition of twenty-seven Fry's supermarkets located in the East Bay area in 1989; 1997 saw the acquisition of 10 Lucky stores in the Central Valley.

With their success, the company developed its own warehouse concept under the name FoodMaxx, which it owns independently. In 2003, Save Mart Supermarkets acquired 25 Food 4 Less stores and rebranded them FoodMaxx. The FoodMaxx division is now 50 stores strong.

Still growing, in 2007 Save Mart Supermarkets acquired Albertsons stores in the Metro Sacramento area, San Francisco Bay Area, and Northern Nevada, and converted them to Lucky and Save Mart stores. Today, the company operates stores throughout the Central Valley, San Francisco Bay Area, and Northern Nevada.

Save Mart Supermarkets is committed to being a responsible corporate citizen—conducting business ethically and giving back to the communities that it serves. The company has partnered with a number of organizations and established giving programs that can deliver both tangible and intangible benefits to the communities served by Save Mart Supermarkets' stores. Some of the partners include American Heart Association, City of Hope, Children's Hospitals: Madera, Oakland, San Francisco, and Sacramento and local food banks.

One event that the company has made its own is the Toyota/Save Mart 350. Ranked as one of the top ten annual NASCAR races by Maxim magazine, the Toyota/Save Mart 350 is a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series event held every year in June at Sonoma Raceway. Save Mart Supermarkets has sponsored this race since 1989, when it attracted only 20,000 spectators. The annual event now draws a crowd of approximately 110,000 and raises money for the company's charities and Save Mart CARES.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in praising Save Mart Supermarkets for their significant contributions to agriculture and to the people of our local community.

RECOGNIZING DR. LARRY SCHMITZER

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to proudly acknowledge the many accomplishments of Dr. Larry Schmitzer and his legacy of kindness and commitment to the well-being of others. Prior to serving individuals and families in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Dr. Schmitzer served our country as a flight surgeon in Vietnam.